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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

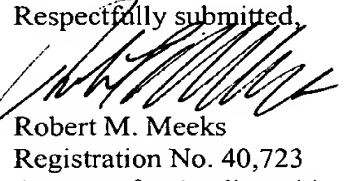
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This paper is responsive to the Office Action of October 21, 2002.

REMARKS

In response to the election of species requirement in the Office Action of October 21, 2002, Applicants hereby provisionally elects the species of FIGs. 1A, 1B, 2A-2C, and 3A-3C with traverse, and requests examination of Claims 58-72, which read thereon. Applicants submit that at least Claims 42 and 58 are generic to all illustrated method embodiments. Accordingly, Applicants further requests examination and allowance of all the pending claims upon allowance of a generic claim. Applicant further requests examination and allowance of all the pending claims upon allowance of a generic claim.

Applicants also submit herewith a copy of reference KR10-1998-0036879, as requested in the Office Action.

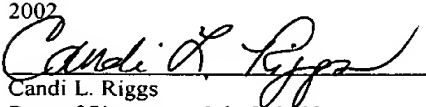
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